

## OIL LEASES ARE NUMEROUS

### Indian Territory Operators Obeying the Secretary.

Thirty days ago the Secretary of the Interior issued an order that oil and gas leases made in Indian Territory must be filed with the Indian agent for transmittal and approval of the Secretary within thirty days after the lease was executed. The order seems to have touched the spot at which it was aimed. Since the order was made there have been many leases filed every day, but two days ago the rush began. Tuesday there were 300 leases filed. Wednesday there were more than 1,000 and Thursday they poured in by the basketful. Friday night the receiving clerk said: "Ten baskets full, and running over. Have been filed." Two clerks have been busy all day stamping the receiving mark of the agency on the back of the leases as they are presented, and at the close of office hours the work was unfinished. There were probably 1,200 or 1,300 leases filed Saturday.

None of the leases filed within the last few days have been examined and no idea of the amount of land covered by them can be had. It is certain, however, from the number of acres in the leases of companies which have been filing them early that there is a vast amount of the land covered in the Creek and Cherokee nations. One firm of attorneys filed nearly 200 leases Thursday. That these leases were made when the order to file came is evident from the fact that nearly all those who brought leases said that they had to file their leases immediately or lose them. The leases filed indicate that practically all the oil and gas land in the Cherokee and Creek nations which is considered good is under lease.

It had been the custom of many persons in this country to go to an allottee and for a small sum, get a lease on the land and file it up so that no other company would want it. This person would have no idea of developing the lease and would not have the money to do so. He would hold the lease until he found that a company with money wanted it and then he would sell his lease. The lease, of course, had never been filed with the agent or recorded anywhere. In most instances leases were not legal, but it served in keeping the Indian from leasing to anyone else. Then this hawker of leases would sell the lease if he could and if he could not he would forfeit it. This was practised extensively around the land offices when the Indians or negroes came in to file on their land. The Secretary of the Interior became aware of these conditions and required the leases to be filed within thirty days. On every lease that is made the law requires that the company or person taking the lease must show that there is \$5,000 available to be used for the development of the lease. The thirty-day rule and this bond bar all who do not intend to develop the leases they take.

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#### Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to the following:

Charles Brunkley—Miss Anna Thompson Spavinsaw.

Zara Perton—Miss Lillie Reickert; Beardstown, Ill.

William F. Brooks—Miss Samanthia Woods; Welch.

Lewis Baker—Miss Lillian Burnett; Okmulgee.

#### A Birthday Party.

One of the most pleasant social gatherings Vinita has known for a long time was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burns, on Scripps street, last Wednesday night, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Burns. Only a few relatives and intimate friends of the family were invited, twelve being seated round a table liberally loaded with plain, wholesome viands. It being a meeting of a family, several of guests left immediately after supper to attend services at the Congregational church, others remaining until about 10 o'clock, when all bid the genial hostess a kind good night, with the wish that she may live to see many more birthday anniversaries.

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## STONE WALK TRAILS.

### CITY PEDESTRIANS MAKE FOOT-PATHS ALONG SIDEWALKS.

Their Peculiar Habit Is to Follow in the Footsteps of One Another in Their Daily Travels.

Sitting on a stone walk before one of the large downtown stores, a stone cutter chipped away at the stone. There was a ridge near the center of the flagging that ran in a nearly straight line from one end of the block to the other. On each side of the ridge the stone was worn down to a depth of two inches. The millions of feet that had passed over that walk in the last few years had all apparently followed in one track going south and the other in going north. The number of people who had walked in the exact center were so few that wear on the stone there was scarcely perceptible.

The corner policeman, who had plenty of time and was gifted with great powers of observation, had also noticed it, says the Chicago Tribune.

"Sure thing," said he. "You'll find the same condition on every walk in the city where there are such large crowds passing each day as there are here. The stone will be worn in little gutters near the buildings and near the street, but few of them will show an even wear all over the surface. Why is it? I'll tell you. People are just like sheep. They don't know it, but the same is true, nevertheless. They follow in each other's steps. They do, for a fact. It's a year ago that I noticed how the stone there was worn. I wondered why it was and began to make observations."

"I was at a loss to find the reason for some time. Then one day I noticed a fellow come around the corner and swing out near the edge of the walk. Pretty soon another man came and followed square in his tracks. The next man and the next did likewise. Then it dawned upon me that day after day, week after week, and year after year the people going south along this street have followed, without knowing it, in the exact tracks somebody else made. Look at that groove that's worn down there. It isn't over a foot in width. Of course, the natural thing for anybody to do is to keep turning out to the right when walking, but if people were only guided by that they wouldn't step in the steps of the man who went before them to the extent of wearing a line in the pavement only 12 inches broad."

"No, I tell you, the fact is that there is something—primitive instinct, you say it is?—well, I don't know so much about primitive what you said—but I do know from what I see from here that every man, woman or child who comes along that walk follows the beaten track—except the farmers. You can tell a man who is unused to the city by the way in which he wanders into the middle of the walk. They get out of the two lines of people passing one way and the other, and they really look homeless in the center of the walk, there, by themselves."

"Now, watch," cautioned the policeman. "There is no excuse for a man or woman following that worn streak because of the crowd or anything else. There is plenty of room for anybody to take up the whole walk at once. Don't you see it? Watch."

A man came across the corner at a good pace. He promptly found his feet in the worn place and went down the street following the same with an air of never more than a few inches. So soon as he had passed out of sight another came from across the street, turned into the walk, and while the policeman chuckled silently with joy, followed the exact course of the man who had just disappeared. This was repeated with two great frequency to leave any question as to the facts.

"Now come here," said the officer, and he led the way to another street. Here the walk was new and entirely smooth and unworn in any place.

"Watch 'em here," was the order. "There is nothing for them to follow here as there is in State street. But the lack of a well defined line in the stone did not prevent the passerby from following in the trail of those who went before. And always this trail was laid as was the one in State street."

"How about it now?" demanded the man in line. "Ain't I right. Ain't the people of this city at least so many of them as come down here, just like a lot of sheep? Primitive instinct, or whatever it may be, and all ain't they line along in this respect?"

The young man stood convinced and ready to admit that it was true when a man came around the corner. A casual inspection of the man from a distance revealed the fact that his necktie was under one ear, one trouser leg was pulled half way up to the knee, and what was once undoubtedly a reputable opera hat was now a complete wreck. The man sang joyfully and went down the street.

"Hah," said the young man argumentatively, "there's a fellow that don't sign in the trail of the other people. There's one man at least that isn't like a sheep."

The other man's eyes watched the man with his necktie and trouser leg and opera hat. He was looking at him for some time. "No," said he finally, "quite true, but I should class him as a sheep young man."

#### Explained.

"He's singing, ain't he? got a sing-song?"

"Yes, does that count?" asked the young man.

"No," replied the policeman, "that's not the reason. I think every fellow's looking at him. Ain't he got a necktie under his ear? Ain't he got a trouser leg pulled up to his knee? Ain't he got an opera hat on his head?"

### An Elopement.

Harry S. Osborn and Miss Leah Wyly were married Thursday afternoon at Siloam Springs, Ark. It was one of those cases that "love laughs at locksmiths." Miss Wyly was yet in her teens when the license was procured from the United States clerk's office in Tahlequah on Wednesday, having just recently celebrated her sixteenth birthday. The facts in the case as given the Arrow by the bride's father are in substance as follows: "Leah left home on Thursday morning saying she would not return to dinner from the female seminary. She was accompanied to the grounds near the school building by her friend, Miss Kathleen Butler. There they were met by Mr. Osborn in a hack from one of the Tahlequah stables." The couple joined there and proceeded to Siloam Springs where they were married the same day. No doubt they are enjoying their honeymoon now at Mr. Osborn's home in Missouri. Miss Leah Wyly is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wyly, of Tahlequah. Mr. Osborn has been in business some time here and has a host of friends.—Tahlequah Arrow.

### Coughing Spell Caused Death.

Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901. Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1. People's drug store.

### Inspect Coal Fields.

C. W. McClelland returned to his home at Mount City, Illinois, Friday night after a week's visit in this vicinity. While here Mr. McClelland made a thorough investigation of the coal fields northwest of this city, and said that the coal there compared very favorably with the Ohio coal.

### Byron Dickerson Liberated.

Commissioner Stanfield released Byron Dickerson, arrested Wednesday charged with obtaining a livery rig under false pretenses. Dickerson was arrested at Billie Donaldson's farm Tuesday night having in his possession some cows that were believed to have been stolen. It was evidently a case of mistaken identity.

### Report from the Reform School.

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